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In re Application of: DeHollander et al.

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
DAMPING A CORONA WIRE IN
AN ELECTROGRAPHIC PRINTER

Examiner: Grainger, Quana Mashell
Group Art Unit: 2852

RESPONSE

Sir:

Please amend the captioned application as follows:

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IN THE DESCRIPTION:

Please insert the following before paragraph [001]:

--This application claims the benefit of prior provisional patent application serial number 60/413,805 of the same title and filed on September 26, 2002.--

Please delete paragraph [011] on page 3 and substitute the following paragraph in its stead:

--[010] The corona wire damper 100 comprises a damping pad 102 and a pad holder 104 that holds the damping pad 102, and is mounted proximate the terminal end of at least one corona wire 6. The damping pad 102 defining an exposed surface 110 that extends along the at least one corona wire 6 in contact therewith. The damping pad 102 is attachable to the charger body 4 and removable therefrom. According to a preferred embodiment, the damping pad 102 is formed of a cellular foamed elastomer that is square in cross section, and can be rotated to present multiple fresh surfaces to the wires. However, other cross-sections are possible, including triangular, rectangular, round, elliptical, etc., without limitation. The pad may also be moved in a lateral direction relative to the wires to present new surfaces. The density of the foamed elastomer may be on the order of 12 to 28 pounds/cubic foot, with a density on the order 24 pounds/cubic foot being a presently preferred embodiment.--